

Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Report

Presented by Marolyn Parson, Ph.D., Chair
Columbia, SC
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Committee members

- Marolyn Parson, *Chair*
- Thomas Barnes, *Vice Chair*
- *Please consider joining this committee.*
 - *Special invitation to last year's committee members*
 - Louie Chavis
 - Kathe Golden
 - Clint Nangle

**Please join, it
wouldn't be the same
without each of you!**



Committee focus

- The committee addresses the remediation of contaminated soil, groundwater, and surface water.
 - Specifically, the committee deals with issues related to:
 - Federal Facility Agreement
 - Risk management/assessment,
 - The regulatory process, and
 - Other cross-cutting issues pertaining to environmental restoration.
- The committee also follows deactivation and decommissioning actions taken to reduce risk & costs following shutdown of excess industrial, radioactive, and nuclear facilities.



Last committee meeting

- Tuesday, February 14, 2012, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC, &
 - Streamed online via Live Meeting.



Last committee meeting

- In attendance from the CAB:

- Marolyn Parson
- Tom Barnes
- Don Bridges
- Stan Howard

New CAB members should understand that the February committee meetings are unusual in that the committees have no official members except for the Chair. Membership in committees is selected at this Board Meeting.

In spite of low attendance, the meeting was productive.



One presentation was given



1. Lower Three Runs Creek—Cleanup Approach

- Brian Hennessey
 - Federal Facility Agreement Project Manager
Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office
- Purpose: To provide the status of the Lower Three Runs Integrator Operable Unit and the path forward for this Unit.
- Presentation will be given tomorrow at full board meeting.

Other committee business



Work Plan for 2012

- Draft Work Plan for 2012 was presented along with the proposed schedule for presentations.
- Topics for 2012 include:
 - Disposition of Building 235-F
 - Site Remediation Status
 - Environmental Monitoring Report
 - Federal/State Regulatory Oversight of Cleanup Activities
 - Radioecology Initiative
 - Next Generation Cleanup Technologies



Status of recommendations

- One open recommendation, #279 “Federal Facility Agreement Update Provided Annually.”
 - Basically asks Department Of Energy to provide update in a timeframe that allows the Board to give input before changes to the Agreement are made, rather than just providing an update of changes.
 - Response from Department of Energy was received prior to our December 6th meeting.
 - While the timeframe for input was not exactly in line with what was stated in the recommendation, it seems workable. We will have to wait and see how it goes next fall.



Status of recommendations

- One pending recommendation, #283 “Revising The Department Of Energy Websites & Using Plain Language To Communicate With the Public More Effectively”
 - Basically the recommendation asks the Department of Energy
 - To post more information on its websites,
 - To make the websites more searchable,
 - To make the websites usable to users with different computer platforms, &
 - To write documents using plain language that is easy to understand by the general public.
- Response has been received from the Department, but the committee has not reviewed the response. Discussion of response will follow this update.



Draft Recommendation Discussion

- “Reallocation of Funds for Regulatory Support in FY 2012 Appropriations and Request for Increase in FY 2013.”
 - Revisions were made based upon CAB members and US Environmental Protection Agency and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control input.
 - Joint recommendation with Strategic & Legacy Management Committee.
- Discussion of the draft recommendation will follow this update.



Next meeting

- Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC, &
 - Streamed online via Live Meeting.
 - If you cannot attend in person, check out the meeting using Live Meeting
 - It is easy to use & a good way to participate.



Two discussion items

1. *DOE Response to Recommendation # 283.*
2. *Draft recommendation: Reallocation of Funds for Regulatory Support in FY 2012 Appropriations and Request for Increase in FY 2013*